1991, there was an attempted theft of 88 prismatic compasses on the night of 17th/18th September, 1991. The suspected employees were apprehended and a First Information Report lodged with the Police. A detailed stock Verification undertaken has shown a shortage of 1908 serviceable Compasses and 859 repairable Compasses. The value of the missing Compasses is 13,40,634/- approximately. A staff Court of Inquiry is in progress.

4. There is no information so far of involvement of any foreign agency.

5. The following steps have been taken to strengthen the security of the depot:-

(i) patrolling interval in/out side the depot has been reduced;

(ii) provision of walkie/talkies at the guard posts has been recently made;

(iii) surveillance devices, such as hand held detector/door metal frame have been put to use;

(iv) search of personnel at gate while mustering in/out has been intensified;

(v) a Quick Reaction Team, with arms and ammn, has been deployed and carries out combing operations are regular intervals.

Export of blended Yarn

1464. SHRI RAJVEER SINGH: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government propose to export blended yarn;

(b) if so, the target fixed in this regard; and

(c) the time by which the target is likely to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) India is already exporting blended yarn and its exports during 1990-91 amounted to Rs. 41.50 crores.

(b) and (c). The Synthetic & Rayon Textiles Export Promotion Council has fixed an export target of Rs. 75 crores for blended yarn during 1991-92. The exports have already reached Rs. 40.35 crores during the period April-September, 1991.

[*English*]

Top 25 Tax Payers

1465. SHRI MORESHWAR SAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state: the top 25 income tax payers with details of their occupation and the amount of tax paid by each of them during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): Information regarding the top 20 income tax payers in the country, ranked in the order of their returned income (annualised) for the assessment year 1989-90, the income tax paid by them in respect of the assessment years 1988-89 to 1990-91 and their occupation, is enclosed as statement. This is information in respect of top 20 income tax payers, which is compiled every year, normally takes a long time for compilation. Collecting & compiling information regarding to 25 income tax payers will require further time and effort, which may not be commensurate with the objective sought to be achieved.